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European Numbers Information Group And Monitoring Association



## WELCOME TO ISSUE 3 OF E N I G M A

First of all let me say a thank you to every-one who se in information news logs and clippings for issue $3, t$ amount of interest in ENIGMA is so great that $I$ have ha to take some holiday in order to put all the news logs features together.

The word about ENIGMA is spreading far and wide and it a great pleasure to welcome such alot of new readers, I very pleased to welcome readers who have studied Number Stations for years and this issues see's Simon Mason joining ENIGMA (I know that quite a few reader have ask with a wealth of new information - infact he wrote book.... more on that later.

I would also like to thank the two Mike's in Bradford \& Bath for all the hard work and help in making this such packed issue.

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## SECRET SIGNALS - THE EURO-NUMBERS MYSTERY

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In issue two we carried a review of Secret Signals -
in which details were carried about Tiare Publications
the U S A, since writing that artical I have pleasure
informing readers that the book can now be purchase in
U.K.
If you would like to obtain a copy please write to ;
Simon Mason
26, Bloomfield Avenue
HULL
Humberside HU5 5NH
The cost of the book is £6.00 including postage & packil
to U.K. addresses.
If you don't have a copy it is well worth buying.
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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always pleased to receive your contributions to ENIGMA, if you have any station logs news, comments or perhaps you would like to write a feature on stations past or present please send in material. We may include a small feature on stations which transmit in the CW (Morse) mode, indeed some such as OLX and Swedish Rhàpsody use both types of transmission-this is an introduction to this area so your comment would be appreciated.

## DIRECTION FINDING

I have received some "interesting" information on the possible location of some stations - I would be interested in hearing from anyone with use of directional equipment, I am keen that work is done on the general locations of stations, so if you can help please do get in contact. Not every station is operated by state or government agencies so if you have any suggestion however off-beat please let me know.

## DEADLINES

The next issue of ENIGMA will be printed and despatched on the second week of January 1994, please send any information to be received by Monday 15 th November 1993 .

Special thanks to Tony Rogers at BDXC \& Andy Cadier at Short Wave Magazine for there valued support, quick hello too to all members of the World DX Club \& Contact Magazine.
$73^{\prime} s$ and kind regards from CHRIS \& all at ENIGMA.

## The world's first computer was Bletchley Park's Colossus. It was at work breaking the German Enigma codes in 1943

> Chris Midgley with the tielp of readers, and those of the British DX Club, has lanched ENIGMA European Numbers Informaion Group and Monioring Association: The first numbers station newssheet includes active frequencies, operating times and identification details. The second issue will be available later this mont f:om 195 Robertown Lane. Robertawn, liversedge. West Yorkshire WFi5 7 LG.

EUROPEAN NUMBERS INFORMATION GROUP AND MONITORING ASSOC.
Number two of E.N.I.G.M.A. has recent.ly been published. This bulletin is dedicated to the 'numbers' stations that can be heard on the shortis dedicated $t 0$ the harders, well worth getting a copy if you are wave bands. As said before, we hobby. Send a stamp to: Chris Midgley, interested in this aspect of the hobby. Send a stamp to: Chris Wis $\mathrm{YLE}^{2}$. 195 Robertiown Lane, Roberttown, Liversedge, hest Yorkshire, wris git.

09938 Fred hakeffeld in Bognor Regis writes: "Whilst Sheila tughes of Morden has been checking frequencies for news about the BDXC, I was wondering if she has ever received these strange transmissions. On 11 th wondering 1815 UTC on 5229 kHz I received a transaission of an English sicaking fenale reading out - Mike, India, hisisey, end repeated..... speaking female reading out - Mike,
Gencral Edtror: Fred, and any other BDXC member interested in these stations, should write and request a copy of Chris Migleys s (Chris is a member of BDXC). You won't regret it! (please send a stamp for return postage to Chris at 195 Roberttown Lane, Robertrown, Liversedge, West Yorkshire, WF15 7LE)

First off lots of interest in the name ENIGMA, I must say that I did'nt think of it, but $I$ would like to thank David in weymouth who did, I'm afraid I forgot to mention this before but a letter from Mr o'Daly prompted me into action. Thank you also Davic for all the Female Phonetic Station logs.

I received a very interesting letter from Derek in Epsom, but no return address, I would very much like to receive further information so Derek please contact me again, thanks.

Hello to Leo in Sunderland and thank you for your logs of the Female Phonetic Stations, Leo wrote out part of a transmission from ULX on 4880 kHz , the message started " ICIJZUG OMOXM JTSTC ZKGFG TNRGI UFFZ UMJO"ect, perhaps
a feature on coding might help, to my knowledge no $S W$ listner has ever decoded either a number or phonetic transmission, but we can keep trying ?

Thank you to Tom from Macclesfield (who is at present working in Blackpool) for his kind comments about ENIGMA in the BDXC Magazine "Communication", also hello to Ian at BDXC who showed copies of ENIGMA at the Reading meeting which prompted Roger from Didcot to write.

From Bangor writes Ross with another logging of the female Phonetic stations this time KPA on 7446 kHz at 17.20 hrs , I hope you will finc our feature on these stations of use in locating yet more.

Greetings to Phil in Romford, he is an old hand at Numbers - listening from the $=970^{\prime}$ s, Phil says he misses some of the more individual stations but is pleased that Swedish Rhapsody is still going, well we are working on a full schedule for this station at present and will include it in our 1994 issue number 4 out in early January.
A quick hello to ker in Doncaster, thank you for all the information from Monitoring Times, I hope that log-book from the U S A will become a regular feature.

Talking of the $U S$ S Hi, to Lee in Lempster - Lee tells me that Havana Moo:s Niumbers newsletter is now defunct, Lee is keen to telp and i would be very pleased to receive information from tiee inited states, particularly News \& Logs - also perhaps publícity for ENIGMA via US publications.

On that very subject (pub:ications that is) Ashley writes from Now plymount: :- New zealand, he asks if it would be
a)right to pass on information printed in ENIGMA for use in the publication issued by the New Zealand DX League, well wo would be delighted to be know in New Zealand, may i just al 00 say to all readers that any information in ENIGMA may be reproduced - a mention for ENIGMA is appreciated.
btaying with Ashley, he reported hearing the American voice Count Station in English - between 12.00 and 12.50 UTC on 13555 kHz calling agent 394 , hope to receive more logs from you Ashley.

Staying overseas - quick hello's to Ezzarrak in Morocco Philippe in Le Vestinet in France, Giorgio in Undine in Italy and a warm welcome to Mort in Baldwinsville near Syracuse New York, Mort said he heard about ENIGMA in t. e August issue of DX Ontario, now after that trip around the world it's back to Britain.

## RNIGMA NEWS FROM CHRIS

ENIGMA goes Hi-Tech (unlike myself) all thanks to Mike Chace in Bath who will co -ordinate the Electronic side of the group thanks to his involvment with USENET - Mike is keen to hear from anyone who may have reference material, archive articles and logs which will then be passed on for use in future issues, you can contact Mike at:

Mike Chace [mikec@praxis.co.uk](mailto:mikec@praxis.co.uk)
Mikes hard work is helping ENIGMA to be known worldwide.

## DEDICATED MONITORS

One of the big things about number station is that they do not stay the same and things change very quickly, the number of readers are growing daily and I would like to float the idea of dedicated monitors who perhaps could study some of the stations to draw up schedules and keep our information upto date. If you could spare some time to study just one station during the three months between each issue, please let me know, I am particulary keen to work on some of the smaller stations.

## FINANCE

Please don't turn the page - when ENIGMA started I did'nt think it would now have over 50 readers, I am most gratful for all the $S A E$ 's and Stamps I have received plus gifts, I would like to ask if you think ENIGMA is the sort of thing you would buy IF we introduced a small charge for the year - the next issue will be free and sent out in early January 1994, please let me have your comments - I would not see any subscription above $£ 3.00$ for four issues which would cover postage stationary and photo-copying, depending on your reaction - !:!!!!

## TYROLEAN MUSIC SEAF:ON

"Does anyone remember the Tyrolean Music \& Numbers station" This station operated in the $1970^{\prime}$ s, it operated on Saturday \& Sunday's on 6425 \& 6660 kHz and was almost certainly the most individual Numbers Station of them all.

Messages were addressed to named agents in German, and the transmitting site was probably on the French /Swiss border. This station was familiar to all users of the Echo Charlie pirate Band. If you have any information about this station - however slight - piease write to Mike Gauffman c/o the ENIGMA Newsletter.

The typical Tyrolean format : 11.30 Saturday \& Sunday 3 tunes were played, same each day. Blank carrier until 11.55 then repeated interval signature tune - 7 note orchestral - taken from the Communist Internationale (towards the end) 11.59 the interval signal speeded up. 12.00 German Male then announces names of agents e.g. Heinrich, Fowler, Dover. Messages then follow for each agent separately (no group count). Messages are then repeated faster,. "Ende".

Occasionally bizarre variations to this standard format. e.g. a fourth tune then added. Non-standard tunes played interspersed with cryptic messages read out by the same announcer such as " Der Sunne Shein vörlisch " (the sun shine's 'gone out' ). Figures were also read out but at random NOT in 5 figure groups. Lists of German words were also sent and the station suffered occasion jamming of both channels. Peculiar sounds, whistles, tape recorders being re-wound.
The station even sent christmas greetings on 26 th December 1971. Largest group counts were 29 the smallest 4 and an average of 12. Occasional irregular addresses were also heard for Franz, Ǩuz, Helmut, Nul, Renault \& Nufpord.
Don't forget - if you have ANY information about this station please senc it to ENIGMA and I will pass it onto Mike.

## NEXT ISSUE

An update on the $\because$ S Cownt Stations - by Simon Mason. AND

A major feature on stations that transmit in CW (Morse).
A look at how tie ?norevic and Number Codes work ! !: !!!
PLUS. ... Logbook from Eritain \& the USA - your letters and of course the atest station news, only from ENIGMA The newsletter for Numbers.

## STATION NEWS \& LATEST LISTENING

## LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER

This station is very active - towards mid July it began to change from its regular schedule and was after some tuning about - found on some new frequencies, out went 4468 \& 6880 \& 5749 kHz for evening and later 7887 kHz was also dropped. The Itation at the present time is in the 41 metre brodacast. band on 7337 kHz and on 25 metre band at 11545 kHz , meanwhile old regular 9251 kHz continues. New HF channels have also appeared at 12603 \& 13375 kHz all in SSB.

At first the powerful warble jammers were unable to find the station but have now found all but 11545 kHz . Between August 15 th \& August 24 th all jamming seemed to have stopped but now 9251 is again jammed all evening.

At present try,

| 07.00 | 7887 | 9251 | 8464 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14.00 | 14487 | 15682 | 16084 |  |
| 17.00 | 11545 | 12603 | 13375 |  |
| 19.00 | 9251 | 11545 | 12603 or 13375 |  |

It may also be worth keeping 5749,6880 in your memory bank.
US COUNT STATION
This station is still going strong and suffers odd bouts of both warble and white noise jamming, it can be best heard in English with the occasional German transmission. This station will be featured in issue 4 - so I shall not say too much about it today.
One thing to watch out for is a wide range of control frequencies, these transmit on on the half hour and consist of 2 or 3 Four figure blocks which are repeated for 10 minutes only. Our view of the is that they send a very short message, perhaps the time and frequencies of the full message broadcasts.

| Try ENGLISH |  | SPANISH |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 06.30 | 5205 | 9224 |  |  |  |
| 00.30 | 7541 | 5205 | 00.30 | 5264 | 6792 |
| 01.30 | 7763 |  |  |  |  |
| 02.30 | 7763 |  | 02.30 | 6840 | 9958 |
| 10.30 |  |  |  | 7725 | 10324 |
| 13.30 | 13425 | 16434 |  |  |  |
| 17.30 | 5205 | 8559 |  | 11491 | 16310 |
| 18.30 |  |  |  |  |  |

These are well worth a listen, for full transmission which always start on the hour try 541568409049 and 10135 in the early mid evenings in Europe.

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STATION NNN
    One of the smaller stations - but very interesting it like
        many of these less known ones gives very little in the way
        of clues. The first five minutes consist of the letter N
        repeated in CW (morse) followed by a German lady with N
        group count. Fry 5177 & 5821 at
        you will find it if you 582l at 20.00 or 21.00, I'm sure
        3 TONE STATION
        Only heard on Sundays Evenings on either 5718 or 5617 this
        is again well worth finding, only heard in July this year
        it is new to ENIGMA, the three tones are sent at 21.10
        for 5 minutes (the tone is that used by German Telephones
        so indicate number unobtainable) at 21. 15 the yl annnounces
        the f figure groups in German. The 21.15 the Yl anmounces
        in Britain but is a bit low on modulation is very strong
        THE FIVE DASHES
        One of my favourites this is now no longer broadcasting to
        schedule but can be heard in CW (morse) on 4395 5315&6708,
        lt might be worth try on Sunday mornings still for & 6708,
        German voice transmissions at mornings still for the
        at 10.00 on 8970 or 11.00
STATION STRICH
Again not heard all that often, but reported ;
Tuesday 21.00 6810 Engljsh
Wednesday 06.00 7580
Friday
Saturday 23.00
5052 CW (morse)
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This station is easy to identify
carry the word STRIC the numbers - for example OBLIQUE which are used between

## SPANISH STATIONS

Quite a few Spanish language stations seem to be making it to Britain in the early mornings. Spanish language stations are reported to originate in North America or Central South America.
The best one to try for is Saturday Mornings at 07.00 on 7887 (this is a Lincolnshire Poacher channel). The yl is very polite and starts at 07.00 with "Attontion" followed by a three figure and a two figure number and five figure message.
Others reported try

| Sunday | 06.00 | 8165 | Any Day | 06.00 | 5762 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Any Day | 06.00 | 9156 | Any Day | 07.00 | 5846 |

## BULGARIAN BETTY

Fixst heard in December 1990 this station was thought to have closed, it was very active at one time

Now heard daily ( although poor reception in Britain) Daily 13.55 to $14.05 \quad 5311$

MYSTERY STATION
Reported in the last issue of ENIGMA, no one seems to have had much luck with finding out what this station upto. Heard Monday to Saturday on 5529/5530 at 20.00 and also reported one hour latex at 21.00 on 4800 var it is most frustrating to listen sends 3 words over and over - On the hour the yl is sent for 30 seconds and 4 minutes past a HF tone Simon Mason writes. on 5530 at $20.00 \ldots$ am very intersted in the station trying to find ont have never heard this before and am difficult to make out the being repeated but it is very LETHI ASEM CINKO which text. I heard something like the tone is sent and then changed to LU BAVAM LU then continues by saying that phrases are repeated, Simon long distance away - perhe feel the station may be a welcome any help with

VVV de oLX
This station is operating 24 hours a day ( you will find a schedule enclosed with this issue). At five minutes to the hour the station sends a CW (morse) call sign which is VVV de OLX on the hour either a morse or female voice numbers transmission is sent to recipients who have a three figure identifier. The call sign VVV de OLX is or was allocated to the Czech Press Agency (CETEKA PRESS). You may like to try to QSL this station (yes you read it right) although what will happen we can only wait and see.

The two addresses known are;
Federal Ministry of Post \& Telecommunications/Chief
Engineer of Radio Communication Division / Olanska 5/
CS-12502 PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC
(Klingenfuss)
CETEKA/CESKOLOVESKA Tiskova Kancolar OLX / Technical Department 5 Opletalova Street CS 11144 PRAGUE 11 CZECH REPUBLIC
(S.W.M.)

THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE WHO SENT IN INFORMATION PLEASE HELP ENIGMA WITH YOUR OBSERVATIONS LOGS AND NEWS.

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        OLX SCHEDULE - Sign on 5 minutes before the hour in CW (Morse), Call sign vVV de oLX
            11002\quad6758\quad5301 14977 8141 6758
            0500 0600 0700 0800 0900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Mon & 831 & 597 & 45 & 755 & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Tues & 543 & 177 & 359 & 125 & & & 879 & 414 & 177 & 374 & 149 & 288 \\
\hline Wed & 117 & 939 & 125 & 329 & \(\frac{939}{755}\) & 386 & 246 & 374 & 668 & \(\frac{261}{739}\) & 633 & 727 \\
\hline Thurs & 244 & 261 & 173 & 146 & 939 & \(\frac{173}{386}\) & 879 & \(\frac{414}{359}\) & 176 & \(\frac{739}{329}\) & 864 & 963 \\
\hline Fri & 755 & 452 & 879 & \(\frac{161}{}\) & 177 & 386 & 755 & 359 & 452 & 329 & 633 & 531 \\
\hline Sat & 531 & 244 & 729 & \(\frac{374}{}\) & 117 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\hline Sun & 397 & 288 & 176 & 425 & 177 & 125 & 939 & 386 & \(\frac{382}{329}\) & \(\frac{215}{317}\) & \(\frac{414}{543}\) & \(\frac{146}{963}\) \\
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Thurs
Fri
Sat
Sun
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\(\frac{397}{531}\) & \(\frac{1}{149}\) & \(\frac{425}{821}\) \\
288 & 864 & 931 & \(\frac{117}{176}\) \\
\(\frac{476}{727}\) & \(\frac{526}{633}\) & 168 & \(\frac{739}{597}\) \\
\(\frac{631}{168}\) & \(\frac{615}{597}\) & \(\frac{244}{668}\) & 831
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317
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\hline & \(\underline{244}\) & 831
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\(831 \quad 615 \quad 727\)
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382
WINTER: vEC-1
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## SIMON MASON WRITES...THE GERMAN TWO LETTER STATIONS 1990-1993

There have been many changes in the past three years to the numbers station scene and the 2 letter stations are no exception. In that period, PAPA NOVEMBER has ended and DFC37 (3370) \& DFD21 (4010) have also vanished.
PAPA NOVEMBER was as regular as clockwork on shortwave for at least 25 years. It broadcast on $2707 / 5015 / 7404 / 11108 \mathrm{kHz}$ at $0000 / 0600 / 1200 / 1800$ with repeats at 30 minutes past, every day of the year. However, during November 1992 it ended abruptly.

What was happening to PAPA NOVEMBER'S stablemates DFC37 \& DFD21 around this time ?. Not alot, they were still operating on 3370 and 4010 between 1500 \& 2200 UTC. About this time I received word from a fellow DXer about these stations. He said that he had seen the official ITU frequency guide and indeed DFC37 \& DFD21 were in it. Of course $P N$ and all the other 2 Letter stations were not, their callsigns being "unofficial". He could"nt remember exact details but he said that they were running 15 kW transmitters and operate from Bonames, Western Germany. The supposed targets were Rome \& New York.

It is probable that the transmitter site was and is being run by the Deutsche Bunderspost with the actual traffic being supplied by a third party, probably the German Intelligence Service, Bundes-NachrichtenDienst or BND. Initially the majority of broadcast were for agents in the DDR using modified East German receivers, but since unification, I suppose the transmissions are for BND agents all over the place.

German DXer Nils Schiffhauer writing in a Monitoring Times article has given another possible transmitter site. He say that there is a big transmitter and receiving site near Husum, Schleswig-Holstein call "Krumweg".

A month after the demise of PAPA NOVEMBER, DFC37 and DFD2l also fell silent. In the last days of 1992 it seemed that the 2-letter stations days were "numbered" - but 9 months later they are still very active.

Since the other stations closed some agents have now been tagged onto other 2 letter stations, another dovelopment is that 11108 which was solely and exclusively a PAPA NOVEMBER frequency has been noted carrying traffic for other 2 letter stations, notably PD \& MD.

Further to Simons article we have looked at some maps of Germany, although Bonames does not appear (please write if you know anything about it) we have located Husum Schleswig Holstein,

- this is a sea port town which borders the North sea on the West Coast close to Denmark, population 25,006 Old Prussia now known has North Friesland, Government buildings on the out skirts of the town.

The 2 letter stations operate in the main between abc $16.00 \& 23.00$ UTC, we have put together a schedule be on logging in the Summer, however on the 1st of septe the organisation behind these transmission changed tc winter frequencies and moved more towards the 3 to 7 channels, the result of this is that, although, the sta appear at the times listed it might be best to try se channels from the list below close to the ones in the schedule. Just to make it all more fun - not all stat appear each week, some are on every second week or ev every month.

Try to listen for MIKE DELTA or DELTA MIKE which are English.

Here is a list of all stations heard by Simon in 1993 along with the three figure identification (agent) numbers.



## FEMALE PHONETIC ALPHABET STATIONS

Back in the dim and distant past of issue 2 we promised to look at these stations, it was difficult to know just where to start....after I said I would write the feature lots of new logs came in, you will find a list of all the stations heard in 1993. Some are very regular and some are tests and even one off's - but I feel sure you will find it of interest.

The stations are again mainly heard in the evenings in Europe on a wide range of frequencies between 4 and 9 mHz , however 2 stations can be heard in the 2 mHz band, the first on 2270 and the second on 2952 try around 20/22 hours UTC. In contrast other stations operate in the very high bands at around 06.00 on $17410 \& 19715 \mathrm{kHz}$, so this would suggest a worldwide operation on a very large scale - so who is behind this station...........

According to Tom Knietel - Guide to Embassy \& Espionage Stations these particular stations are operated by or to give it it's full better know worldwide has Mossad)

My own view is that this is certainly possible, the transmissions in the 2 to 9 mHz band are not that well received, which may suggest a site outside mainland Europe. The other theory is the possibility that some of these transmissions may be from a number of locations around the world - such has Israeli Embassy buildings. I also have information which suggests that some exchange of site use may take place with the United States and that US Count station transmissions may be sent over Israeli transmitters and vice versus.

The stations do also on occasion seem to suffer from the gremlins and go off air in mid flow, also it is possible to hear a message after the main message ends - due to break-through at the transmitter.

Listen out also for those complex message strings, these really are good practise for novice code-breakers.

Heard by Mike in Bath was this on MIW operating on 5230 kHz calling MIW 1 (I indicates a test)
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { 4D58 } & \text { D59 } & \text { 218 } & 4 \text { B59 } & \text { B60 } & \text { B61 } & \text { B62 } & \text { 4D72 } & \text { D73 } & \text { D74 } & 4 D 72 & \text { D73 }\end{array}$
All correct entries will win a trip to Israel.
Well hope you found that of interest - I would welcome any information logs \& observations on these stations.

he vast mafocity of stations operate in the early evening through to arounc 000 hr , howovor, some start on the hour - others at. 15,30 and 45 minutes ABL He hour. I have noted those which have been heard at odd hours.
lote how some stations only operate in certain bands, e.g. EZI $6-19 \mathrm{mHz}$, if Yill $3=10 \mathrm{mHz}$.
lemmber almo that if the call ends 1 it is a test - SYNI SYN1 or 2 no message will follow - SYN2 SYN2.




